

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed this application in light of the Final Office Action mailed July 29, 2005. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-13, 15-36 and 40-42 were pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-13, 15-36 and 40-42 were rejected. Applicants previously cancelled Claims 4, 9, 14 and 37-39 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 6, 8, 15, 26, 28, 29, 35, 40 and 41 to further define various features of Applicants' invention. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-13

Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-13 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,949,882 issued to Michael F. Angelo ("Angelo") and Authoritative Dictionary of IEEE Standards ("IEEE Standards") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,282,649 issued to Howard Shelton Lambert ("Lambert").

Applicants respectfully traverse and submit that the cited art combination, even if proper, which Applicants do not concede, does not render the claimed embodiment of the invention obvious. In order to establish a prima facie case of obviousness, the references cited by the Examiner must disclose all claimed limitations. In re Royka, 490 F.2d 981, 180 U.S.P.Q. 580 (C.C.P.A. 1974).

Independent Claims 1, 6 and 8 each recite a computer system with an access token communicator for reading an access token that includes a "computer system access code and a nonvolatile storage device password integrated within a set of security policies" and wherein "the security policies comprising at least one security policy selected from the group consisting of policies relating to BIOS settings and policies relating to screen interface access."

Examiner cites to Angelo as teaching an access token that includes "security policies" based upon Angelo's teaching of the use of "varying levels of access" within a computer system, with each level of access requiring a different password (Col. 13, lines 19-22) and an IEEE Standard definition that describes the use of hierarchical security levels as relating to a

“security polity” (See IEEE Standard at 1015). As amended, Independent Claims 1, 6 and 8 specify that the security policy in question include policies that relate to either a BIOS settings and/or screen interface settings.

The Lambert reference generally relates to the control of access to stored data or electronic services. See Col. 1, lines 7-8. Lambert more specifically describes a hierarchical access system that combines partial data with PIN/biometric information which is provided to a key generator. See Col. 4, lines 38-44. The key is then used to decrypt applets. See Col. 4, lines 44-46.

However, Lambert makes no disclosure, teaching or suggestion that an access token with access code and password information be integrated with policies related to either BIOS settings of screen interface settings as recited in Independent Claims 1, 6 and 8.

Applicants submit that Angelo, IEEE Standard and Lambert fail to disclose, teach or suggest an access token with access code and password information integrated with policies related to either BIOS settings of screen interface settings.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the cited references cannot render obvious the Claims listed above because the cited references, considered alone or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest each and every limitation of the Claims. For at least these reasons Applicants request reconsideration, withdrawal of the §103 rejections and full allowance of Independent Claims 1, 6 and 8 and Claims 2, 3, 5, 7 and 10-13 which depend therefrom.

Claims 15-25

Claims 15-25 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lambert and IEEE Standards in view of Angelo. Applicants respectfully traverse and submit the cited art combinations, even if proper, which Applicants do not concede, does not render the claimed embodiment of the invention obvious.

Independent Claim 15 recites a computer system that includes an access token communication device operable to read an access token that includes a “computer system access code and a nonvolatile storage device password integrated within a set of security policies” and wherein “the security policies comprising at least one security policy selected from the group consisting of policies relating to BIOS settings and policies relating to screen interface access.”

As discussed above, IEEE Standards and Angelo fail to disclose teach or suggest the integration of access code and password information with policies relating to BIOS setting and/or screen interface access. The Lambert reference also makes no disclosure, teaching or suggestion that an access token with access code and password information be integrated with policies related to either BIOS settings of screen interface settings as recited in Independent Claim 15.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Lambert, Angelo and the IEEE Standards, considered alone or in combination, fail to disclose teach or suggest each and every limitation of Independent Claim 15. For at least these reasons Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of the §103 rejections and full allowance of Independent Claim 15 and Claims 16-25 which depend therefrom.

Claims 26-42

Claims 26-42 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Angelo, IEEE Standards, Lambert, and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,323,465 issued to Simon A. B. Avarne ("Avarne"). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit the cited art combinations, even if proper, which Applicants do not concede, does not render the claimed embodiment of the invention obvious.

Independent Claims 26, 28, 29, 35, 40 and 41 each recite a method the includes, among other steps, the provision, reading or use of an access token that integrates computer system access code information and nonvolatile storage device password information with "security policies comprising at least one security policy selected from the group consisting of policies relating to BIOS settings and policies relating to screen interface access."

As discussed above, Lambert, Angelo and IEEE Standards fail to disclose, teach or suggest the integration of such information with security policies relating to BIOS settings and/or screen interface access. The Avarne reference is cited for the teaching of a "master password." See Col. 3, lines 24-42. However, Avarne makes no disclosure, teaching or suggestion of integrating system access code information and nonvolatile storage device password information with either policies relating to BIOS settings or policies relating to screen interface access.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Lambert, Angelo, the IEEE Standards and Avarne, considered alone or in combination, fail to disclose teach or suggest each and every limitation of Independent Claims 26, 28, 29, 35, 40. For at least these reasons Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of the §103 rejections and full allowance of Independent Claims Independent Claims 26, 28, 29, 35, 40 and 41 or Claims 27, 30-34 and 36 which depend therefrom.

CONCLUSION

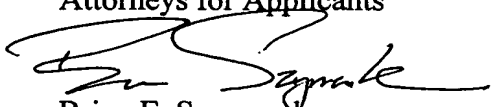
Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims, as amended.

Applicants believe no fee is due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0383 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2548.

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